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## TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

The enclosed documents were cited in a foreign search report. The documents which have not previously been provided in an earlier-filed Information Disclosure Statement are

attached.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.61 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from the Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. (002905.0110).

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